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Immaculate Conception 4th Graders Are “Can-Do” Recyclers

Macomb, Illinois, November 24, 2009 – To celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15, the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council (TCR&WMC) sponsored its annual aluminum can recycling contest. Since early September, the students collected and recycled aluminum cans. This year, the participating classes recycled over 8,000 pounds of aluminum! The contest provided the opportunity for students to apply what they learned about recycling with ongoing and future curricula and to earn dollars for their classroom in recycling buy-back dollars. By using a wall chart, students recorded their progress in pounds and income for future classroom projects, activities and field trips.

Mrs. Painter's 4th Graders from Immaculate Conception School (ICS) collected 988 pounds of cans and earned \$200 in classroom cash.

The Can-Do Contest provides a great opportunity to all who participate, students and community alike, by increasing awareness of recycling and its benefits to the environment, and by students earning classroom cash, making all classes winners.

CAPTION: Pictured is Mrs. Painter, her class, and Mark Grover of the Maple City Area Recycling Center. Chloe Russell (seated in chair) was awarded a hand chair made from #2 plastic for collecting the most aluminum during the eight week contest.